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SUBJ: INSURGENTS DESTROY FUEL TANKERS

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1. REFTEL GIVES DETAILS ON REPORTED DESTRUCTION SEVERAL FUEL TRUCKS SOUTH OF ASSAB ON JANUARY 27.

"2. TILAHUN PAULOS, GENERAL MANAGER NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMPANY (NATRACO) TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 29 THAT FIVE SHELL, TWO MOBIL, ONE AGIP AND THREE NATRACO TANKERS WERE DESTROYED. TILAHUN CHARACTERIZED ASSAB AS TENSE AND SAID TRUCKERS THERE WERE REFUSING TO LEAVE TOWN. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT COMPANIES PREPARED CARRYON. HE THOUGHT NATIONALIZED INSURANCE INDUSTRY SHOULD PROVIDE INSURANCE FOR TRUCKS AND THAT LATTER SHOULD HAVE MILITARY ESCORT.

3. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO, REINFORCED COMPANIES IN ASSAB AREA. ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR STEADY STREAM OF TANKERS ON WHICH ADDIS ABABA LARGELY DEPENDENT LIKELY REQUIRE COMMITMENT OF MILITARY ELEMENTS FROM ELSEWHERE.

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ALTHOUGH INSURGENTS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN CAREFUL REMOVE OCCUPANTS

BEFORE DESTROYING VEHICLES, ADEQUATE AVAILABILITY OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE ISSUE, AND WE WOULD EXPECT FURTHER ATTACKS UPON TANKERS THEREFORE LIKELY LEAD TO STRONG COUNTERMEASURES.

4. ADDIS RUMOR MILL CURRENTLY ATTRIBUTING DESTRUCTION THESE TANKERS TO PARTISANS OF RAS MENGESHA SEYOUM RATHER THAN ELF OR PLF.
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